

# Comparisons of Job Characteristics

Focus Occupation: **Mechanical Engineers (17-2141)**

Associated Occupation: **Commercial and Industrial Designers (27-1021)**

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<<	Focus occupation element is much lower
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0	Focus occupation element is at a similar level
>	Focus occupation element is at a higher level
>>	Focus occupation element is at a much higher level

## Knowledge

Similarity of Focus Occupation to Associated Occupation: 92

Focus Occupation: Mechanical Engineers (17-2141)

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Associated Occupation's Key Knowledge Elements	Average Rating, All Occupations	Associated Occupation's Rating	Focus Occupation's Rating		Evaluation of Focus Occupation
Design	5.2	22.2	21.0	0	Current knowledge level may be sufficient
Engineering and Technology	5.7	18.3	21.5	>	Current knowledge level is likely sufficient
Mechanical	6.8	15.3	18.1	>	Current knowledge level is likely sufficient
Production and Processing	6.0	14.3	14.2	0	Current knowledge level may be sufficient
Physics	4.3	9.6	15.3	>>	Current knowledge level is likely more than sufficient
Fine Arts	2.2	5.3	1.1	<<	Extensive education and/or training may be required

The maximum possible rating is 25.

Source: Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development, Research and Analysis Section analysis of O\*NET (Occupation Information Network) data.

## Skills

Similarity of Focus Occupation to Associated Occupation: 76

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Associated Occupation's Key Skills Elements	Average Rating, All Occupations	Associated Occupation's Rating	Focus Occupation's Rating		Evaluation of Focus Occupation
Operations Analysis	5.0	12.0	13.0	0	Current skill level may be sufficient
Technology Design	2.6	9.5	11.0	>	Skill level is likely sufficient

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## Abilities

Similarity of Focus Occupation to Associated Occupation: 91

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Associated Occupation's Key Abilities Elements	Average Rating, All Occupations	Associated Occupation's Rating	Focus Occupation's Rating		Evaluation of Focus Occupation
Originality	7.6	14.7	11.5	<<	Extensive improvement in abilities may be required
Deductive Reasoning	10.6	14.1	15.8	>	Current ability level is likely sufficient
Near Vision	11.1	13.5	13.3	0	Current ability level may be sufficient
Visualization	7.5	13.1	12.7	0	Current ability level may be sufficient
Fluency of Ideas	7.6	12.8	10.6	<	Some improvement in abilities may be required
Information Ordering	9.9	11.9	15.4	>>	Current ability level is likely more than sufficient
Category Flexibility	9.0	11.5	12.7	>	Current ability level is likely sufficient
Mathematical Reasoning	6.3	9.6	15.7	>>	Current ability level is likely more than sufficient

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## Activities that Both Occupations Have in Common

**Similarity of Focus Occupation to Associated Occupation: 71**

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Work Activities	Exclusivity of Activity
Analyze project proposal to determine feasibility, cost, or time	69
Analyze technical data, designs, or preliminary specifications	47
Draw prototypes, plans, or maps to scale	57
Evaluate product design	78
Follow manufacturing methods or techniques	73
Read blueprints	10
Use computer aided drafting or design software for design, drafting, modeling, or other engineering tasks	58
Use computer graphics design software	70
Use computers to enter, access or retrieve data	3
Use drafting or mechanical drawing techniques	50

Not all positions in these occupations will necessarily perform all of the listed activities. The exclusivity rating is an indication of how unique the activity is amongst all occupations. The maximum rating is 100. High scores indicate that only a small number of occupations engage in that activity.

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## Tools and Technologies that Both Occupations Have in Common

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<b>Tools and Technologies</b>	<b>Exclusivity</b>
Business function specific software	1
Cameras	2
Computers	1
Content authoring and editing software	1
Data management and query software	1
Industry specific software	1

Not all positions in these occupations will necessarily use all of the listed tools and technologies. The exclusivity rating is an indication of how unique the tool or technology is amongst all occupations. The maximum rating is 100. High scores indicate that only a small number of occupations use that tool or technology.

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